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CAMPAIGN '98: THE DEMO BATTLE FOR GOVERNOR.

Editor's note: The just concluded CA Demo Party's annual convention in Sacto provided the ideal setting so that political reporters & pundits could spin yet one more time about *The Demo Battle for Governor of Calif.* Here's our analysis...

...CA Democrats think their prospects for capturing the governorship in 1998 are excellent. Why so much optimism? It's the bench. Take a quick look at who is eyeing a run: U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, former White House COS Leon Panetta, Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, Controller Kathleen Connell and millionaire businessman Al Checchi. With the exception of Connell, most Demo sources think any of the others would stand an excellent chance of defeating Calif. AG Dan Lungren, the GOP's hope for replacing Gov. Pete Wilson(R)...

...At the CDP's convention, Feinstein was the *center of attention* because Demos are anxiously awaiting word on whether the former SF mayor will make a 4th state-wide run for office in '98. If she goes, and many political reporters are beginning to think she will, Panetta and Connell will definitely drop out...

...But there's no scaring off Davis. He's in and recently announced that he's been endorsed by State Senators Jack O'Connell, Steve Peace, Diane Watson and Betty Karnette, plus Assemblymembers Dick Floyd, Joe Baca and Grace Napolitano. U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos is with Davis too, as are UFCW, CA Conf. of Machinists, the Laborers' Internat'l Union and Jt. Exec. Conf. of So. CA Electrical Workers. Davis isn't *Mr. Charisma*, but he's a great fundraiser, has the seasoning and as pundit Bill Bradley says, *only a fool would dismiss him*...

...As for Checchi, there's much we still don't know about him, but he's no *Michael Huffington* and bristles at such comparisons. He won't make any final decision

about running until Sept. 1st. That will give him time to work on his family -- they may not want him to run. Like Davis, Feinstein's decision won't influence him one bit. As far as Checchi is concerned, all of his potential rivals are career politicians. Checchi's Demo rivals harp about his lack of political experience, but his success & experience in business is impressive and being a fresh face doesn't hurt either...

...FYI: a number of Demo insiders like the idea of a Checchi candidacy because they know that if he is the nominee he'll pop with the bucks for the general election Statewide GOTV effort, which usually tends to help down-ballot Demos. With 208 and less resources than Republicans, Checchi's checkbook looks awfully good to some Demo insiders. Stay tuned...

SOME NEEDED VACATION TIME FOR CALPEEK.

We're taking some vacation time this next week so don't look for a newsletter the week of April 21st. We'll be back the following week --- perhaps with our *1997 Easy Reference Guide*. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTION RESULTS: WINNERS & LOSERS

Editor's note: No big surprises in the April 8th L.A. City primary election, as Mayor Richard Riordan coasted to an easy win over State Sen. Tom Hayden. Here is *Calpeek's* election analysis, combined with primary *Winners & Losers*. (These results are based on semi-official returns)...

...In what might be a record low voter turnout, 24.09%, the **big winner** was Riordan, who captured 61% of the vote to Hayden's 34%. But if there was a downside to Riordan's win, it's the fact that his political coattails weren't very long. Riordan ally and city attorney candidate Ted Stein was easily defeated by incumbent City Atty. Jim Hahn, 62% to 38%. And the political consul-

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tant who had a perfect night handling both Riordan and Hahn was Demo media whiz Bill Carrick...

...Some sources actually thought Hayden might run a little stronger, but that was not the case because: 1) Hayden's campaign turned a lot of voters off with a very negative tone against a well-liked mayor; 2) Hayden's message wasn't focused; and 3) older Demo voters (HHH supporters) have never forgiven Hayden for what he did to the Demos in '68. As for Stein, unlike Hayden, he had money to deliver a message, but some think the message came too late to defeat Hahn, who has a positive image and great name ID...

...Were there some positives out of this primary? Yes. Prop. BB, the much-needed \$2.4 billion bond measure to rebuild and repair L.A. schools got about 70% (2/3rds required). A very big win for lead consultant Darry Sragow; direct mail consultant Parke Skelton; pollsters Fairbank Maslin Maullin; and field ops guru Susan Burnside. It was also a plus for Riordan, who went out of his way to support BB. And BB is credited with driving out a very large Latino vote in L.A...

...As for the city council race, no surprises at all. All of the incumbents won reelection. In the OPEN 11th CD, Georgia Mercer finished ahead of Cindy Miscikowski (41% to 39% - 759 voters separating the two) and now these two will face off June 3rd. Mercer ran a very aggressive, grassroots effort; while Miscikowski always appeared to be playing defense. That will change, because Miscikowski isn't going to be a punching bag in this runoff...

...If there's a lesson from this primary, it's that money can't buy everything. In the battle over charter reform (#8), Mayor Riordan's money certainly helped get #8 on the ballot and approved by voters (60% to 40%), but Riordan's independent expenditure campaign on behalf of CR commission candidates he endorsed looks like a flop. Eight of 15 commissioners were elected April 8: 5 allied with labor & councilmembers; 1 allied with the mayor (ex Assemblywoman Paula Boland); and 2 endorsed by everyone. Calpeek sources are fairly confident that had she not been killed in a traffic accident, Riordan-backed 4th CD commission candidate Helen Bernstein would have made the runoff. There are 7 runoffs, with labor/council candidates in all 7 battles. The Riordan-supported candidates are in 4

runoffs. Two independents, Bill Weinberger in the 4th and Ricardo Torres in the 9th, made the runoff and both were endorsed by the L.A. Times. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: GOP U.S. SENATE & CONTROLLER

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on the GOP U.S. Senate primary and the Controller's primary...

☒ U.S. Senate - San Diego businessman and GOP candidate for U.S. Senate Darrell Issa has named some key players on his '98 campaign team. As announced previously in Calpeek, Scott Taylor will be Issa's campaign mgr. Taylor was the '96 RNC point man here in Calif. Dr. Gary Lawrence of Orange Co. will handle polling and Sacto-based Gilliard, Blanning & Assoc. will work on strategy & direct mail...

☒ Controller - The big question both Demos and GOPers alike are asking is whether incumbent Controller Kathleen Connell(D) will seek reelection or run for another office? Our sources think she'll move on. No specific reason, but sources say she's just not happy being controller. Some sources think she'll run for Lt. Governor --- not to follow exactly in Gray Davis' footsteps, but because the LG's job does provide more political flexibility. And even though some Demos continue to mention Connell as a potential gubernatorial candidate, our sources think this is unlikely. In the rumor mill department, the only Demo names to surface are: BOE Member Johan Klehs and former Congresswoman Lynn Schenk. She's looking at AG, but might also consider this race...

...On the GOP side, enter the name of GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle of Orange Co. If you thought he was interested in the 46th CD seat of Demo Loretta Sanchez, he was. Pringle even made a trip to DC to do some scouting and got some excellent feedback. But the math just doesn't add up if, as expected, Bob Dornan won't step aside. In a 3-person race with Dornan and GOP attorney Lisa Hughes, B-1 Bob and Pringle will split the conservative vote, meaning Hughes could win. In the rumor mill department for controller, here are the names that have surfaced: Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith of Poway, BOE Member Dean Andal of Stockton and Assemblyman Tom McClintock of Northridge. McClintock ran against Connell in '94. Gilliard, Blanning & Assoc. are Pringle's political advisors. Stay tuned...

TREASURER FONG TO ADDRESS LINCOLN CLUBS.

CA Treasurer Matt Fong(R) will address members of the 3 different chapters of the Lincoln Club. April 15, downtown L.A. Lincoln Club, 12 noon, at the Calif. Club; April 18, San Gabriel Valley LC, 7:30 a.m., Industry Hill Sheraton; April 18, South Bay LC, 12 noon, Torrance Marriott. For info ☎ Sheila McNichols (818)969-1304...

CALIF. INITIATIVE UPDATE: 7 QUALIFIED FOR 1998.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on what has already qualified for the next election (either Nov. 4, 1997 or June 2, 1998) --- and what's in the field circulating & what's at the AG's office awaiting Title & Summary...

☑ ***Already Qualified:*** 1) SCA 18 (ballot measures); 2) SCA 4 (court consolidation); 3) SCA 19 (judicial performance, court commission); 4) SB 1231 (sentencing - worktime credits); 5) Competitive Bidding; 6) 95-5 (school spending); & 7) Congressional Term Limits...

☑ ***New Initiative*** - This statute deals with the initiative process itself & the *Internet*. The official title is **Initiative/Referendum Petitions. Internet Posting. Initiative Statute.** The proponent is Jeffrey Vernott of Sacramento. The measure simply says that an initiative proponent may request the AG to post the measure on the Internet - for a price (to cover costs). The deadline for collecting 433,269 signatures is Aug. 7th...

☑ ***New Initiative*** - The official title of this statute is **Mental Health Services. Regulation. Initiative Statute.** It would require that health care businesses provide mental health benefits as part of its benefits package and would ban health care businesses from restricting access to mental health services. It also would allow psychologists to write prescriptions and would prohibit hospitals from barring medical staff membership to psychologists. The proponent is Dr. John Caccavale of the CA Cmt. for Mental Health Parity Initiative ☎(818)562-1955. Deadline for collecting 433,269 signatures is Aug. 25th...

☑ ***In Circulation:*** 1) Ban on compulsory education, 4/7/97 deadline; 2) Casino gaming, 5/16/97 deadline; 3) State forms, 7/11/97 deadline; 4) Internet initiative (see above); & 5) Mental Health (see above)...

☑ ***At the AG's Office*** - Awaiting *Title & Summary* are the following initiatives: 1) Calif. Public Employee Protection initiative; 2) Safe Drinking Water init. (no fluoride); & 3) Bragg II (slot machines in Palm Springs). Stay tuned...

SPRING '97 ELECTIONS: CITY & COUNTY CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is Part XI of *Calpeek's* continuing coverage of city & county Spring elections...

☑ ***San Mateo Co. Supes Special*** - San Mateo Co. school board member Rich Gordon got 41% April 8th to win a spot on the Board of Supervisors, replacing Ted Lampert, now in the Assembly. Taking 2nd was former Daly City Mayor Jim Tucker with 31% and in 3rd was businesswoman Denise DeVile, with 19%. This special was a *winner-take-all* election and it was a nice win for SF-based Staton, Hughes & Shafer...

☑ ***Hospital Battle*** - These hospital merger elections are happening with more frequency and like any other *special interest* election, both sides in the Eden Hospital District election in Alameda Co. have full blown campaigns underway. At issue: should the Eden Hospital District merge with Sutter CHS to form a new non-profit hospital? In this vote by mail ONLY election, the YES side is being lead by SF consultant John Whitehurst, with Evans/McDonough on polling and Lisa Hansen as P/D. Lead consultant Phil Giarrizzo and pollster David Binder are on the NO side. Ballotting opened Mar. 24 and ends on April 22...

☑ ***S.F. Zoo Measure*** - The S.F. Zoo was one of the first WPA projects of FDR's presidency. It was built in 1933. And now S.F. voters are being asked to approve a \$48 million bond measure ("C") on the June 3rd ballot. Private sources have raised an additional \$25 million. John Whitehurst is the lead consultant, with Taline Sanassarian as daily mgr., David Binder on polling and David Spero as P/D. This needs a 2/3rds vote and sources say the YES on C committee is very close to that. There's very little opposition. Stay tuned...

L.A. COUNCIL PRES. FERRARO TO SPEAK ON MAY 1. L.A. Council President John Ferraro will address members of the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, May 1, Hyatt Regency Hotel, L.A. For info ☎ Emma Shafer (213)627-7427...

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TYSON & FRANKEN TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ISSUES.

Former White House economics advisor Laura D'Andrea Tyson and CNN Congressional correspondent Robert Franken will speak to the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., April 25, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. For info ☎(415)597-6705...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ ***Bannister Vs. Rohrabacher in '98*** - Remember O.C. insurance agent/businessman Wes Bannister, the GOPer who ran for Insurance Commissioner in both '90 and '94? In 1990, he was the GOP nominee vs. Demo John Garamendi. Sources tell **Calpeek** that Bannister is taking a long look at challenging U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher(R-Huntington Beach) in June of '98...

■ ***S.F. Giants Get a Break*** - If all goes according to plan, the S.F. Giants will open the 2000 season in their new 42,000-seat China Basin baseball stadium. A deal was worked out and SB 181 passed April 7 when the Assembly approved this bill by Sen. Quentin Kopp(I-SF) -- and carried in the lower house by Assemblywoman Carole Migden(D-SF). With SB 181, the Giants can notify tenants on the site of the proposed \$255 million ballpark to leave the area before the EIR is completed this summer...

■ ***Bounty Hunter/Regulation Bill*** - Keep your eyes on AB 73 by Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro(R-Paso Robles). This bill would impose licensing regulations on individuals who are **paid** to register voters or collect signatures for initiative petitions. It would not impact on volunteer efforts to register voters or collect signatures. AB 73 is awaiting amendments in the Assembly E&R Cmt., chaired by Ed Vincent(D-Inglewood)...

■ ***Deadwood in Calif.*** - The term deadwood in a political context applies to individuals whose names still appear on voter rolls, but in fact are either deceased or are no longer at the address on the county voter rolls. In Calif., it's a serious problem because there are about 1.5 million deadwood voters in Calif., this according to both Sec. of State Bill Jones and Aristotle Publishing, a political software firm which has surveyed Calif.'s 58 counties for deadwood. In the larger counties, deadwood percentages are as follows: L.A. at 21.00%;

San Diego 19.03%, Orange Co. 18.11%, Alameda 17.99%, Santa Clara 16.60%, S.F. 18.25% and Sacto at 18.40. Worst counties in Calif. for deadwood: Yolo at 22.66% and Fresno at 22.65%. Least amount of deadwood: Colusa at 6.7%...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Sacto restaurateur Frank Fat, 92, died April 5. His "L" Street eatery (which bears his name) was and is a political institution. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: Former UTLA union leader Helen Bernstein, 52, was hit by a car and killed April 3 while walking across a busy street to attend a political function. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: Leo Paoli, 65, who led the first real fight to legalize pot in Calif., died several days ago after a battle with cancer. The SF attorney authored Prop. 19 in '72. R.I.P...

● Permanent status: L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan has named J. Michael Carey as city clerk, a job he has held since last year on an interim basis...

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